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### Change of Time.

The date to which it is necessary for our subscribers to pay in order to get *Good Cheer* one year free is set forward one month at the beginning of each month. For the present all subscribers, old or new, who will pay for *THE WATCHMAN* to December 1, 1884, will receive *Good Cheer* one year FREE. Send seventeen cents for the odd months. Those who do not wish to take up this offer are requested to settle their dues as soon as possible, as we are in immediate need of the money.

### The Watchman for 1884.

The coming year will be crowded with stirring political events. In the field of national politics the presidential canvass will be the absorbing subject of people's thoughts. The signs betoken one of the most determined political contests in the history of the country. Parties are nearly evenly balanced. The democracy will renew their repeated struggles to wrest from their opponents the power they have wielded for nearly a century of a century. The republican party will strenuously maintain the lease of the power it has used with such signal benefit to the whole country and to mankind. The relation of Vermont to this impending crisis in the history of the republican party and the affairs of the country will be of a close and responsible character. In any event, her soil will be the early battle-ground of the great contest. Among all the eminent names on the party roll there is none so fit for the office of president as her distinguished senator, and none to which is so universally conceded the post of leadership. The national contest has in fact opened with the assembling of congress.

To the event of paramount interest and importance, the presidential election, is added the fact that Vermont herself will be in the election of next year choose successors to all her state officers, from representatives of towns and counties in the legislature to governor, and representatives in the house and senate of the congress of the United States. The crowning affair of local importance in this period will be the biennial legislative session. Matters relating to the protection and advancement of state reformation, to the highways, to education, and to the general affairs of the state, will come up for consideration, upon which it is the duty, if not the pleasure, of every citizen to read and be informed. Here is a period, extending from the present to January 1, 1885, which will be thickly crowded with events of the highest interest and of vital importance to the state and the nation. No thinking citizen will wish to be without a good state newspaper during this period. *THE VERMONT WATCHMAN* has been greatly enlarged, put in proper form, and new facilities procured for its successful publication, with the special end in view of providing for the people of Vermont just such a paper as they would wish to have at all times, and particularly for the stirring times in the near future. Its record in the past is the best guarantee it can give for the future, as to its course politically and upon those non-political matters which, like agriculture, education, taxation, temperance, and state affairs generally, have to do with morals and good progressive government rather than with partisan politics. Except as time and increasing experience shall enable its conductors to treat these subjects more intelligently and more successfully, no pledge for the future that is not supplied by the past can be given.

The pre-eminence of *THE WATCHMAN* as a good agricultural paper for the farmers of Vermont has been long conceded. The veteran editor of this department will maintain his connection with the paper, and enlarged space will be given him for the discussion of farm subjects, a change which cannot fail to receive the hearty approbation of the farming community. Especially will *THE WATCHMAN* be a newspaper. The gathering, editing in an attractive and readable form, and publishing of local news has become a distinguishing feature in its present management. The extension and improvement of this essential function of a state paper will be steadily and systematically sustained. General news, domestic and foreign will be most carefully summarized and edited from week to week. The choice miscellaneous, family, moral and religious selections, which have always been a popular and a distinguishing feature in the make-up of the paper, will not be suffered to deteriorate in quality or in quantity.

For \$2.00 in advance *THE WATCHMAN* will be sent to new subscribers until January 1, 1885, and *Good Cheer* one year. *Good Cheer* is a new monthly paper of sixteen pages, of very interesting literary matter. A sample copy will be sent on application. Those who may receive sample copies of *THE WATCHMAN* are invited to give it a thorough examination and to send in their subscriptions, if they find it worthy of their patronage. Our increasing subscription list shows that the paper is gaining in the estimation of the public.

For \$5.25, paid in advance, we will send either the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's Magazine*, *Weekly*, or *Bazar*, and *THE WATCHMAN* and *Good Cheer* one year.

For \$5.50, paid in advance, we will send the *Century Magazine* (formerly *Scribner's*), *THE WATCHMAN* and *Good Cheer* for one year.

### Local Items.

DOLLS at Bascom's!  
DOLLS at Webster's.  
PATENT medicines at Bascom's!  
The finest cigars at Bascom's!  
KID, wax and china dolls at Webster's.  
ELEGANT handkerchief extracts at Bascom's!  
Big trade in "Diamond Dyes" at Bascom's!  
AL. ATHERTON, Waterbury, has got a beautiful line of toilet sets.

SMOKING-SETS at Webster's.  
CIRCULATING library at H. E. Slayton's.  
HOLIDAY goods at cost at Lane's drug store.  
Go to Al. Atherton's, Waterbury, for mousetache cups.  
CHRISTMAS cards, the handsomest in town, at Phinney's.  
Be sure and get your dinners at Norton's during the holidays.  
FINE perfumery, Lubin's extracts, at W. E. Carpenter's, Waterbury.

Go to Phinney's for a photograph album. He has a fine assortment in all sizes and styles.  
Let's go over to Al. Atherton's and see his new Christmas goods.

CHINA bread and milk sets at Al. Atherton's, Waterbury.  
HOUSE to rent on Barre street. Inquire of Mrs. Klesman.

Look at Al. Atherton's fine line of vases before you buy.

DON'T wait on account of the weather, but go and buy your presents at Webster's.

A GOLD pen makes a desirable Christmas present. Phinney has a large stock of the best make.

To reduce stock, broad velvet vests will be sold for forty-five cents (former price, seventy-five cents) at Webster's.

A USEFUL thing for a Christmas present to a lady is one of those handsome writing-desks or work-boxes at Keene's, Waterbury.

BERLIN pond water is coming; so is Christmas, and Norton is going to be prepared for the rush with a full line of fruit, confectionery, etc.

POCKET knives, scissors, large assortment of hand mirrors, brushes of all kinds, wallets, razors, razor-strops and table cutlery at Carpenter's, Waterbury.

WOOD BOUGHT and SOLD.—Those who wish to buy or sell wood of any kind are invited to call at R. H. Angell's office, South Main street, opposite Henry Lowe & Son's store, or inquire of J. V. Morrow.

HAND and toilet mirrors for ladies and gentlemen, combs and brushes, smoking sets, mustache cups and saucers, wallets, ladies' silver watches (excellent time-keepers), at Keene's, Waterbury.

FOR SALE.—One thousand Macomber's improved hand corn and bean planters. Agents wanted for all unoccupied territory. For particulars apply to O. G. Phelps, agent for the state of Vermont, Milton, Vt.

LADIES' sets of jewelry, solid gold finger rings—cameos, amethysts, garnets, topaz, blood stones, onyx, etc.—gold and silver thimbles, all fine goods and in elegant designs, just the thing for choice Christmas presents, at Keene's, Waterbury.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY is an admirable magazine, and might profitably be read by every intelligent family in the United States. It keeps up well the high reputation it gained years ago for the excellence of its serial and short stories, essays, poetry and criticism. See advertisement elsewhere.

For specialties in jewelry, such as Masonic, Odd Fellow and Good Templar pins and emblems, and for everything in the line of ladies' and gentlemen's jewelry, scarf-pins, sleeve-buttons, chains, charms, etc., etc., go to Keene's, Waterbury.

THE largest stock of Christmas and New Year's cards, fancy cards for collectors, embossed scrap-book pictures, visiting cards and shape novelties, ever shown in the state, can be seen at the store of the Union Card Company, French's block, Montpelier, Vt. See advertisement in another column.

MRS. M. L. WELLS of Duxbury Corners calls attention to the great reduction in price of millinery goods for the remainder of this month. Patterns and many other goods at cost, and much below cost, to reduce the stock before January 1st. There is a good opportunity offered for Christmas presents, cheap.

H. E. SLAYTON has, without doubt, the largest stock of albums ever in town, and the prices are below competition. A beautiful leather-bound one for card, cabinet and panels for only \$2.25. Also a full stock of children's books, fancy box papers, games, and pocket cutlery, Christmas cards, etc., at lowest prices. Call and see.

A DIMM temperance concert will be given by the mission band of the Baptist church this (Wednesday) evening, at seven o'clock, in the vestry, after which articles made by the band and their friends will be for sale. Cake and coffee will be served for ten cents; the proceeds are to be used in furnishing the church parlor. Children under ten years admitted free. All are invited.

A. T. STRAW & Co. have now in stock black walnut, ash, chestnut and painted chamber sets; parlor, dining and common tables; willow, basket and all kinds of chairs; lounges, mattresses, spring beds, mirrors and all goods in this line, for Christmas presents. Call and see us, and buy something for yourself, wife, son, daughter, or some friend. A. T. Straw & Co., Main street, Waterbury, Vt.

AT J. G. MORRISON & Co.'s store, on State street, may be found many useful and sensible goods for the holiday trade at prices so that all can afford to purchase. Just step in and see for yourselves. Owing to late purchases our stock of circulars and doilies, Langtry's, Newmarkets and children's garments is still large, though prices are way down, but not "less than cost." Look through our departments, even if you do not wish to purchase.

THE U. V. M. Glee Club of Burlington college will give concerts at Waterbury Center and Barre on the evenings of December 19 and 20, respectively. Tickets have already been placed on sale and announcements posted. Their programme will consist of jolly college songs, glees, quartets and solos. There is a peculiar charm about college songs that will insure enjoyment to all who attend, and the boys ought to have a large audience. Tickets twenty-five and thirty-five cents. Give the boys a good reception.

THE suspense is over. The committee has reported and the village has voted to have and get water from Berlin pond. But Christmas has not come; a few days remain in which to select presents for the little ones and for those that are older. You will find a big stock of wax and china dolls, dressed dolls, toys, games, fancy cups and saucers, majolica ware, colognes, sets, vases, dressing-cases, smoking-sets, bordered linen and silk handkerchiefs, wallets, etc., and a fine line of dry goods—all cheap, at Webster's.

KEENE'S, Waterbury, is a veritable bazaar. Besides the articles which have been named, he has a large variety of watches from \$6 upwards; a full line of choice plated ware of every kind and description, all R-gers' best goods; knives, forks, spoons, and numerous articles of household utility or ornament in gold and silver; a large stock of albums and Christmas cards and scrap-books; harmonicas, all sizes and prices; Japanese goods, handkerchief and glove-boxes, revolvers and cartridges, hand bells, thermometers, pocket knives, etc., etc.

WHEN you are looking for holiday gifts, remember that Scott of Waterbury has the finest stock of goods ever shown in town, comprising gold and silver watches, gentlemen's chains, ladies' vest chains, neck-chains, gold pens, lockets, charms, lace-pins, scarf-pins, cuff-buttons, bracelets, gold thimbles, gold-bowed

spectacles, gold rings (in stone, plain and chased), dinner casters, pickle casters, individual casters, cake-baskets, berry dishes, vases, colognes stands, fancy napkin rings, children's sets, children's cups, spoon-holders, butter-dishes, sugar-bowls and creamers, teacups, solid sterling silver teaspoons, nut-picks, nut-crackers, fruit knives, berry spoons, pie knives, salt and pepper shakers, and the best 1847 Rogers Brothers' knives and forks—all of which will be sold at bottom prices.

KEENE'S, Waterbury, opposite the bank, is headquarters for children's goods and toys. If a Christmas gift, from a penny whistle upwards, is wanted, you will find it there. Dolls in great variety, toy horses, sleds, tea and chamber toilet sets in china, real watches that "go," banks, railway trains, sets of furniture, and among many of the novelties a "sand power," a toy which will amuse the "kids" by the hour. These, and a multitude of other things which cannot be specified, are provided for the children. The only way to find out everything is to call and examine for yourself.

HALF! ORDER NUMBER ONE! All soldiers and sailors and the public at large, with their wives and children, are ordered to report in the vestry of Trinity church in Montpelier, Friday evening, December 28, 1883, at six o'clock sharp, there to wait for orders to fall in for rations. Post Brookes, G. A. R., are to furnish a soldiers' supper, composed of baked beans, hard tack, and coffee, all to be served out on tin plates and in tin dippers. Admission and supper for fifteen cents. The clergy are expected to be present and give some stirring remarks. The old war-horse, General Thomas, will be present to cheer the boys. A glee club will sing war songs. Instrumental music will also be furnished. Supper will be served from half-past six to eight o'clock. The committee are D. Carr, G. W. Colby, Willard Holden, W. F. Waterman.

STEP INTO CARPENTER'S, Waterbury, and examine his large stock of goods suitable for Christmas or every-day necessities. He has a great variety of lamps (glass, standard and hanging), and in choice things in glass and crockery he has a great range for selection. There are china bread and milk sets, just the thing for a nice present to a child. He has also elegant china and majolica fruit plates, glass cake-baskets, china teacups, colognes sets, all in new and tasteful designs. Look over his stock of pretty things in china, decorated ash and pepper shakers, decorated plates, mugs (plain and decorated), Japanese teapots, plain and decorated toilet sets, beautiful vases, decanters and jugs for oil or vinegar, etc., etc. He has so many things in glass and crockery that are rare and beautiful, a visit and examination must be made to get the whole story.

### Current Mention.

QUITE a number of preferred depositors in the St. Albans Trust Company will, through their attorneys, appeal from the recent decision of Judge Boyce.

THE grand jury of Windsor county have reported thirty-nine true bills, one being against Stephen C. Wyman of Weston for the murder of his infant child. Wyman is in jail at Woodstock.

COMPTROLLER KNOX has ordered Receiver Hendee to prepare for a dividend in favor of the depositors in the Vermont national bank of St. Albans. The dividend will be a small one—twelve and one-half per cent.

UNDER the heading of "Fashions" the Rutland Herald says that Captain A. E. Leavenworth, principal of Castleton academy, was seriously injured by a recent fall, and was unconscious for some time. It seems to us that it is rather late to thus be trying to set the fall styles.

THE Pontney Journal says: "The cornet band attended the funeral of John Heath at Middle Granville Sunday morning. He had many friends in this village who extended their sympathy to the bereaved family." They doubtless needed it, especially if the full band was present.

A BARKER correspondent of the *Clipper* says that "Dr. George Nichols for governor, General Ripley for lieutenant-governor, DuBois for state treasurer, C. S. Page for secretary of state, and Colonel E. Henry Powell for state auditor, would make a slate that would be hard to break."

A GOULDSVILLE merchant advertises in the Northfield News that he has in stock a "full line of patent medicines, wash-tubs, pails, mops, brooms." This classification indicates such an appreciation of the eternal fitness of things as is not usually possessed by the proprietor of a corner grocery.

WE are informed by telephone that the rake factory of D. S. Patterson & Son of Brookfield took fire about half-past eight o'clock Monday night and burned, with all its contents. Loss on stock \$2,000; no insurance. The building was insured for \$1,200. The fire is supposed to have taken from one of the stoves.

THOSE of our patrons whose subscriptions expire January 1st should renew promptly and thus secure *Good Cheer* for the year free, and all others are reminded that *Good Cheer* is sent free to those who will pay arrears, as to the time of making their remittance and also pay for a year in advance. You cannot afford not to accept this offer.

THE Central Vermont railroad shops and foundry at St. Albans and Rutland are now run on eight-hour time, the new arrangement going into effect Monday. There has been no occasion for this reduction in time during the last four years, and the announcement was a great surprise to the men. The hours are from 7:15 A. M. to 4:15 P. M.

THE December term of Orange county court began on Tuesday. There are two hundred and one cases on the law docket and thirty-three in chancery. The jury calendar contains forty-seven cases, but of these, three at least are cases in which Judge Rowell is disqualified to sit and must be continued, as no other judge can come this term.

THIS paragraph is the best explanation of the reason why the genial colonel was not elected sergeant-at-arms of the senate: "For sergeant-at-arms, Senator Hawley put in nomination Colonel W. P. Cannaday of North Carolina, and Senator Edmunds nominated Colonel George W. Hooker of Vermont. Cannaday received twenty-seven votes and Hooker six."

JAMES DUNN of Roxbury, a brakeman on the Central Vermont, was run over by the cars and his right arm crushed, at North Williston, Thursday morning. He was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington, and the injured arm was amputated at the shoulder. The unfortunate man survived the amputation but a few hours, however. He was about

thirty years of age. It is supposed he fell from the top of the car.

ST. JOHN'SBURY INDEX: "Mr. D. R. Locke (Nash), editor of the *Toledo Blade*, is soon to make a trip through the state for the purpose of observing the workings and effect of the prohibitory law. We suggest that a committee of the press, consisting of Brother Camp of the *Express* and Oviatt, moral and dramatic editor of the *Argus*, be delegated to meet Mr. Locke and see that he is furnished with reliable statistics concerning the traffic."

THE White river medical society held its annual meeting at Wilson's hotel, Bethel, last week. The retiring president, Dr. E. J. Fish, read a paper upon "Physiology and hygiene as common school studies." Interesting cases were reported by Drs. Haviland and Huntington of Rochester and Chaffee of South Stratford. The officers for the coming year are: Dr. A. L. Bailey of West Randolph, president; Dr. Haviland of Rochester, vice-president; Dr. L. M. Greene of Bethel, secretary and treasurer.

THE postmaster-general decides that labels, patterns, playing cards, tickets, photographs, engravings, samples of printing, valentines, fancy lithographs and engraved cards (including Christmas, New Year and Easter cards), address tags, scrap pictures, blank books, desk blotters, with or without printing thereon, and also maps, prints, show cards, etc., printed on or attached to other material than paper (which includes card-board), or mounted on rollers or with metal bindings, or in frames, must pay postage of the fourth class, or one cent an ounce.

MESSENGER: "Two St. Albans young men were in Boston a few days ago, and attended an evening entertainment at the Howard. During the performance a banjo-player came out to amuse the audience, and at the close of his song the St. Albans delegation thought he had finished his appearance, and got up to leave the hall. But the performer came back on to the stage, and when the 'boys' were about half way down the aisle he called out to them: 'What's the use of going out, boys? Why don't you have it brought in?' This broke up the house for about five minutes so that the show could not proceed."

HENRY G. VERNON, the self-styled "practical meteorologist," again inflicts himself on a long-suffering public with the following statement: "The phenomenal character of the present winter, he forth by me now for the past six months, seems about being verified. Further, the red or ruddy tint in the sky—concerning which so much explanation has been attempted—seems, to my way of reasoning, to indicate terms of unusual warmth during latter portion of present month and much of January. Yes, even summer warmth in mid-winter. But March and April will probably give us the cold and snow lacking through the first half of the winter."

A writer in the *Lowell Courier* tells this story of the late Governor Mattocks of this state: "On the very last day of the year, the governor being on a journey, spent the night at the hospitable house of a friend. On the morning of New Year's day, as he was bathing and preparing for breakfast, he unfortunately leaned against the door at the head of the stairs leading to the kitchen. The door gave way and the maids of the household, while busy preparing for the morning meal, were astonished to see, rolling and tumbling into their presence, a chubby, fat old gentleman in a most unrepresentative attire. But in this hour of dismay the governor's ready wit came promptly to his aid; for, pointing exclaiming, 'Ladies, I wish you all a happy New Year,' he hastened back to his toilet."

AFTER reading that singularly modest editorial in the *Argus*, last week, the writer was reminded so forcibly of a story which he recently read that he will give it here. A traveler on a turnpike came to a toll-gate and, although the gate was open, sought the absent keeper to pay the toll. Diligent search about the house and barn failed to bring him to light, but he was finally found in the field and the usual fee paid to him. The keeper then inquired why his friend did not drive along without paying the toll. "Because I am an honest man," he replied. "Did you look for me in the house?" "Yes." "And in the barn?" "Yes." "And then came clear down here to pay me?" "Yes." "Boy," said the gate-keeper to his listening son, "watch that man until he is out of sight. He is too honest to have around." When a paper makes such a fuss over its honesty and independence, it will bear watching.

THE annual meeting of the Vermont State Grange was held at Bellows Falls last week. Worthy Master Colonel A. B. Franklin, presiding. The meeting on Wednesday afternoon was open to the public and was largely attended. Addresses were made by Hon. E. M. Goodwin of Hartford, Hon. Henry Lane of Cornwall, Mr. O. M. Tinkham of Pomfret and Dr. H. A. Cutting. At the evening meeting, after the usual opening with music, Hon. M. W. Davis made a brief but eloquent address of welcome and greeting to the state grange in behalf of the people of Bellows Falls and vicinity and the board of agriculture. This was responded to by Mr. E. E. Andrews of Berlin. Invitations were announced and extended to all present, from the Vermont farm machine company, to visit their works, and also from the Fall Mountain paper company to visit their mills. Hon. James Draper of Worcester, master of the Massachusetts state grange, gave an address, in which he explained the working of the order in that state. Colonel Franklin delivered his annual address, which was broad in its scope and was as good for the people in general as for farmers and members of the grange. The meetings were very pleasant and agreeable to all present. Those of Thursday were private, and a large amount of "order" work was accomplished.

"JUDGE LUKE P. POLAND of Vermont is, perhaps, the most striking of the new congressmen," writes a Washington correspondent to the *Cleveland Leader*. "He has a slender, well-built form of full six feet, and though now nearly seventy years of age, he stands as straight as a telegraph pole in his old-time uniform of navy blue broadcloth and gilt buttons. He has a large and noble head, covered with the finest of hair, whiter than newly-washed wool, and his brown, benevolent face, ornamented with well-combed side whiskers of the same hue, gives him the appearance of the typical grandfather of the story book, the personification of all that is good, kind and manly. A noble-looking fellow is this Judge Poland of Vermont, and he is, to all appearances, not a day older than when he sat here ten years ago examining Schuyler Colfax and others as to their acquaintance with the Credit Mobilier. Judge Poland has a high forehead, which hangs out over a pair of very bright

eyes of dark brown. His nose is large and straight, and his mouth grave, but pleasing. He has full cheeks of a ruddy brown, and a face free from the wrinkles and ravages of time. He will contend with Judge Kelley as being the grandfather of the house, and he already looks around with a fatherly air upon the younger men on all sides of him. Judge Poland's career has been one of long office-holding. At the age of eighteen, when Jackson began to serve his second term, he was admitted to the bar in a Vermont village. Three years later he obtained a minor office about the county court-house, and he has kept in office pretty much ever since. For seventeen continuous years he was elected judge of the supreme bench of Vermont, and this he left to take a seat in the United States senate to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Colamer's death in 1865. Two years after he left the senate he was sent to the lower house and served there for four terms, during the second of which he was chairman of the Credit Mobilier investigation, as above stated."

WE have received from Superintendent Dartt the school statistics of this state for the year ending March 31, 1883, as follows:

Number of public districts.....	2,390
Number of public schools.....	2,553
Number of days of school in the year.....	131
Number of different scholars enrolled in the public schools.....	72,842
Number of scholars between five and twenty years of age enrolled.....	72,155
Average daily attendance.....	46,112
Number of days' attendance to each scholar enrolled.....	82
Number of scholars attending private schools.....	6,890
Number of male teachers.....	550
Number of female teachers.....	3,745
Number of teachers who had attended a Vermont normal school.....	908
Average wages per week for male teachers.....	\$ 8.12
Average wages per week for female teachers.....	4.83
Amount raised by town tax for school purposes.....	156,373.19
Amount raised by district tax for school purposes.....	375,928.23
Amount received from rent of lands.....	9,422.54
Amount received from other sources.....	7,116.69
Total revenue for school purposes.....	549,840.65
Amount paid for teachers' wages.....	494,247.46
Amount paid for fuel.....	32,163.30
Amount paid for repairs.....	34,671.92
Amount paid for new buildings.....	26,651.14
Amount paid for new furniture.....	9,134.40
Amount paid for incidentals.....	22,301.35
Total expenditure for school purposes.....	558,289.84
Appropriations to normal schools.....	7,620.90

Comparing the above with the report for the previous year, ending March 31st, 1882, it is found that the number of schools has increased twenty-seven; the average number of days of school has increased four and one-half; the number of scholars enrolled between the ages of five and twenty years has decreased 913. There has been a decrease in the number of male teachers of 103, and an increase in the number of female teachers of twenty-two. The wages of male teachers have increased \$1.96 per month, and of female teachers \$1.08 per month. The total receipts for school purposes increased \$57,589.11, and the total expenditure increased \$81,811.76.

WE print in another column of *THE WATCHMAN* an article from the *Argus and Patriot* which is "unique" for its modesty and humility. Understanding the proneness of our contemporary to "hide its light under a bushel," in a spirit of philanthropy we have taken its candle from its concealment and put it in *THE WATCHMAN* candlestick that it may give light to the whole state. We further adjust this little reflector in order that our shrinking friend's penny dip may throw its beams far out into a paucity world. No more extract from "Our Duty to Republicans" could do the subject justice. The article must be seen in its stupendous whole to be fully appreciated, and so, for the edification of republicans and of our many democratic friends who might otherwise miss it altogether, we print the article without abridgment. Much counsel darkens wisdom and much commentary on this production would have the same blinding effect. We presume, however, that no one will challenge our contemporary's boast of "nearly seven thousand subscribers," but why it is we cannot tell that in this connection this Scripture occurs to us: "Where the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together." Moreover, the periodical publication of its "black list" and the more frequent threats of publication, with the terms of pious admonition and oburgation which are therein employed, would convey the impression that as usual our too modest contemporary has understated rather than exaggerated the facts in regard to its following. The beautiful consistency that bolts an exemplary and benevolent chief judge whole, but spews out of its virtuous mouth a miserly, misanthropic, private citizen, should win the wandering admiration of the world. Verily, we have "a Daniel come to judgment." "We alone dare discuss questions without fear or favor." So runs the oracle. "We alone" dared to reprove the highest judicial officer of the state for his offense against law and morality. "We alone, without fear or favor," exposed the tithing and official facilities of our fellow-churchman, the judge second in rank on the bench. "We alone" have so hungered and thirsted after "truth" and "independence," in these and in a thousand ways like them, that to "we alone" do republicans and democrats go for the truth about matters and affairs in Vermont. "We alone," like the ostrich, hide our head in the sand of our own conceit and do not perceive that our other extremity is exposed to public gaze and ridicule. "We alone" swell with the praise we give ourselves, but "we" in "our" excessive complacency should not forget that "conceit may puff a man up, but never prop him up." Seriously, now, our self-laudatory neighbor needs a parting word of admonition. Its patriarchal solicitude for republicans is as laudable as it is gushing, but in trying to run both parties it is undertaking a feat difficult of achievement. Great and inexpressible tricks are sometimes attempted by harlequines, political and otherwise, but we warn our variegated friend around the corner that his attempt to ride two horses going in opposite directions will inevitably land him in the sawdust and uncleanness of the ring, amid the derisive shouts of the small boys on the benches. Try not the bare back of the republican thoroughbred. Stick to your democratic mule. You will have all you can do to keep your seat on his back.

AT about twenty minutes past six o'clock, Saturday evening, the people of Waterbury were startled by a long blast from the whistle at Warren's tannery, about a third of a mile from the village, on the Stowe road. The cause of the alarm was the discovery of fire in the westerly end of the establishment, in the upper portion of the elevator which conveys the ground bark to the leaches. When first discovered the fire was a very slight affair, which could have been instantly quelled by an ordinary fire extinguisher, a garden hose or a pail and dipper. But these appliances did

not seem to be at hand, or those on the ground lacked the presence of mind to use them. There were several steam pumps in the building and some hose, but they were unavailable for extinguishing fire. Men in the immediate vicinity finally gathered pails, but the flames had gained a substantial foothold by that time, and being above the reach of a man's power to throw a pail of water effectively the efforts in this direction were of little avail. The Beth Warner engine company arrived promptly on the ground, took position by the brook and laid its hose, but the nozzle was missing. This was found after the loss of many golden moments. Meantime the pumps of the machine refused to respond to the action of the brakes. At length, under the application of hot water, these were soaked and a stream was obtained after the lapse of nearly half an hour. Meantime the flames had not been idle. They were bursting through the roof of the elevator and leaches-house and extending to other parts of the building, and had got absolutely beyond control. All efforts were directed to saving stock in the building and to protecting the several hundred cords of bark piled hard by in the yard. The building was about one hundred and twenty-five feet long and had an average width of about sixty feet. There were four lofts and each, especially the upper one, was heavily stocked with leather in the various stages of manufacture. There were large quantities of oil and tallow in barrels stored in the building, much of which was removed. Some hides and leather were rescued, but the bulk of a very large stock was abandoned to the flames, which, once getting a taste of the oil and combustible material in the finishing and storage lofts, swept through the building with frightful rapidity and terrible force. A slight breeze from the northeast prevailed and long streams of white flames were blown from the burning mass, filling the air with an unmistakable odor of burning leather. The spectacle when the entire establishment was wrapped in flames was rendered, by the oily condition of the contents of the great building, in the highest degree magnificent. The scene was at its height in about an hour after the first discovery, and in about two hours the fiery element had done its perfect work and the establishment was a leveled mass of flaming debris. None of the machinery was saved. By the efforts of the firemen and the laborers of the pail brigade the bark in the yard was successfully defended.

A large shed at the westerly end of the tannery, containing among other articles of refuse stock a large quantity of horns, was destroyed. There were eighty vats, somewhat more than half of which were filled with liquor, so that the vats themselves were protected and the hides in them preserved. The liquor had been pumped out of the remaining vats, and owing to a break-down in the machinery they had not been filled again, so that these and their contents were seriously damaged, if not entirely ruined. The wind greatly favored the surrounding property. A very slight change northerly would have been fatal to the Sashbury grist-mill, on the opposite side of the stream. The old Cataract engine was taken up and placed in position to protect this property, which was at one time in some danger from the great heat. A portion of the stock was removed. Mr. Warren estimates his loss at from \$35,000 to \$40,000, against which he has an insurance of \$20,000. His net loss he is not able to give with exactness at this time, but apparently it cannot be less than \$15,000, with no reference to delay in business and damage to trade. His machinery and appliances were all of the latest and best construction. One machine alone, nearly new, cost him \$1,000, and another \$7.00. He is not fully decided what he will do. To rebuild now is impossible, but being a man in the prime of life, full of push and activity, and having abundant means, it is quite likely that spring will find a new and a model tannery going up on the old site. Meantime thirty men are thrown out of employment on the edge of a long winter. The hardship to them and their families is not the least of this misfortune to the industries of this village.

### Personal.

JOHN P. HOWARD of Burlington has started on a trip around the globe.

EX-GOVERNOR FARNHAM was in New York, last week, on business concerning the mining company.

NORMAN H. CAMP of Vermont has been nominated by the president for assayer at Boise City, Idaho.

HON. ALDACE F. WALKER of Rutland has been admitted to practice before the United States supreme court.

REV. L. S. CROSLY, pastor of the Universalist church at Woodstock, has accepted a call to Brunswick, Maine.

HON. JO. D. HATCH and Dr. J. H. Linsley and their families, of Burlington, go to Ottawa this week to spend the holidays.

THOMAS PRENTISS, United States consul at the South Sea Islands, is expected to visit his home in Waitsfield in a few days, having resigned his position on account of ill health in his family.

GOVERNOR BARSTOW has appointed the following board of normal school examiners: Principals C. H. Dutton of Pottersville, S. W. Landown of Burlington and B. F. Bligham of Brattleboro.

REV. E. R. BRAINERD, a brother of Professor Brainerd of Middlebury and Mr. C. N. Brainerd of Northampton, Mass., has been elected to the Globe Congregational church at Woodstock, R. I.

DEACON SAMUEL PEABODY, who died recently in Weston, held the office of town clerk and treasurer thirty years. He was sixty years a member of the Congregational church, and thirty-eight years a deacon.

E. E. AIKEN of Rutland, a student in the Yale divinity school, recently appeared in court with members of the Salvation Army who were charged with disturbing the peace. Mr. Aiken was not a member, but was present at the meeting when the disturbance occurred.

F. D. ROOT of the New York Times is making a brief tour of Vermont for the purpose of getting an idea of the drift of public sentiment in relation to the next presidential nomination. He is an able writer and an accomplished journalist, and the result of his observations will be awaited with interest.

MR. DANIEL STARNES, formerly a manufacturer of Burlington, but for some years a resident of Indiana and Illinois, died in Chicago on Saturday at the age of sixty-three. He was a Mexican war veteran.

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